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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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Legend:

Taxpayer A = ***

Bank B = ***

Financial Institution C = ***

IRA X = ***

Account Y = ***

Amount A = ***

Amount B = ***

Date 1 = ***

Year 1 = ***

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Dear ***:

This is in response to your letter dated October 6, 2009, as supplemented by additional correspondence submitted on November 12, 2009, submitted on your behalf by your authorized representative, in which you request a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

The following facts and representations have been submitted under penalty of perjury in support of the ruling requested.

Taxpayer A, age , represents that he received a distribution totaling Amount A from IRA X, an individual retirement annuity under section 408(b) of the Code. Taxpayer A asserts that his failure to accomplish a rollover within the 60-day period prescribed by section 408(d)(3) of the Code was due to the failure of a representative of Bank B to follow Taxpayer A's instructions which led to the placement of Amount A in a non-IRA account. Taxpayer A further represents that Amount A has not been used for any other purpose.

On Date 1, Taxpayer A closed out IRA X with Financial Institution C, intending to open up a new IRA with Bank B in order to improve his investment return. On the same day, Taxpayer A received his required minimum distribution from IRA X of Amount B, and took a check for the remainder, Amount A, to Bank B. Taxpayer A represents that he communicated to a representative at Bank B his intention to rollover Amount A to an IRA. However, Bank B, by letter dated August 31, 2009, states that its staff misunderstood the origin of Taxpayer A's funds, and consequently failed to direct Taxpayer A on correctly completing his deposit slip so as to rollover Amount A to an IRA. As a result, Amount A was placed in a non-IRA account, Account Y. It was not until the Internal Revenue Service reviewed Taxpayer A's Year 1 tax return, and notified him of a discrepancy in his tax information, that Taxpayer A realized he had deposited Amount A in a non-IRA account.

Based on the facts and representations, you request a ruling that the Internal Revenue Service waive the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount A contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Code in this instance.

Section 408(d)(1) of the Code provides that, except as otherwise provided in section 408(d), any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA shall be included in gross income by the payee or distributee, as the case may be, in the manner provided under section 72 of the Code.

Section 408(d)(3) of the Code defines and provides the rules applicable to IRA rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(A) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(1) of the Code does not apply to any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA to the individual for whose benefit the IRA is maintained if --

- (i) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an IRA for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the day on which the individual receives the payment or distribution; or

(ii) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60th day after the date on which the payment or distribution is received, except that the maximum amount which may be paid into such plan may not exceed the portion of the amount received which is includible in gross income (determined without regard to section 408(d)(3)).

Section 408(d)(3)(B) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(3) does not apply to any amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) received by an individual from an IRA if at any time during the 1-year period ending on the day of such receipt such individual received any other amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) from an IRA which was not includible in gross income because of the application of section 408(d)(3).

Section 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code provides a similar 60-day rollover period for partial rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(E) of the Code provides that the rollover provisions of section 408(d) do not apply to any amount required to be distributed under section 408(a)(6).

Section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code provides that the Secretary may waive the 60-day requirement under sections 408(d)(3)(A) and 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that occurred after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code.

Revenue Procedure 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R.B. 359 (January 27, 2003) provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code, the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error, (3) the use of the amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The information presented by Taxpayer A is consistent with his assertion that his failure to accomplish a timely rollover was due to the failure of a representative of Bank B to follow Taxpayer A's instructions which led to the placement of Amount A in a non-IRA account.

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Accordingly, under the facts and documentation presented by Taxpayer A, the Service hereby waives the 60-day rollover requirement under section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code, with respect to the distribution of Amount A from IRA X. Taxpayer A is granted a period of 60 days from the issuance of this ruling letter to contribute Amount A into a rollover IRA. Provided all other requirements of section 408(d)(3) of the Code, except the 60-day requirement, are met with respect to such contribution, Amount A will be considered a rollover contribution within the meaning of section 408(d)(3) of the Code.

In accordance with section 408(d)(3)(E) of the Code, this ruling does not authorize the rollover of amounts that were required to be distributed by section 401(a)(9) of the Code, made applicable to an IRA pursuant to Code section 408(a)(6).

This letter expresses no opinion as to whether the IRA described herein satisfied the requirements of section 408 of the Code.

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transaction described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations which may be applicable thereto.

This letter is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

Pursuant to a power of attorney on file with this office, a copy of this letter ruling is being sent to your authorized representative. If you wish to inquire about this ruling, please contact ***. Please address all correspondence to SE:T:EP:RA:T2.

Sincerely yours,



Donzell Littlejohn, Manager,
Employee Plans Technical Group 2

Enclosures:

Deleted copy of ruling letter
Notice of Intention to Disclose

cc. ***